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Bureau of Land Management
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DETERMINATION OF NEPA ADEQUACY (DNA)

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2012-020-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Noxious Weed Treatment within the Kremmling Field Office

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Grand, Jackson, Larimer, and Eagle Counties

APPLICANT: Grand County, Jackson County, BLM (Kremmling Field Office)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The BLM proposes to control noxious weeds throughout the Kremmling Field Office in partnership with the above counties during the 2012-2014 field seasons. Treatments would occur using the herbicides listed below on the designated weed species in accordance with the Pesticide Use Proposals (PUP), labels, and Material Data Safety Sheets (MSDS's). All applicators would be under the direct supervision of a State and or BLM certified applicator. Contact the Kremmling Field Office weed coordinator for more information on the Pesticide Use Proposals. See Field office area map and EA # CO-120-2008-31 Appendix 4 for mitigations measures, standard operating procedures, and conservation measures.

Herbicides: Imazapyr (Habitat), Metsulfuron methyl (Escort XP), Glyphosate (Rodeo, Roundup Pro), Chlorsulfuron (Telar XP), Imazapic (Plateau), Clopyralid + 2, 4-D (Curtail), 2, 4-D (Cornbelt 6# Low Vol Ester), Picloram (Tordon 22K), and Triclopyr (Garlon 4)

Invasive or noxious weeds to be treated: Tamarisk, Cheat grass, Canada thistle, Musk thistle, Bull thistle, Scotch thistle, Yellow toadflax, Oxeye daisy, Houndstongue, Spotted knapweed, Meadow knapweed, Common mullein, Field bindweed, and any other Colorado State listed Noxious weed. (See Appendix 1 of 2008 EA)

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW:

Name of Plan: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

Decision Number/Page: page 9 ROD

Decision Language: Intensive management of habitats is necessary to assure continued support of the wildlife species dependent upon them for survival

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

List by name and date all existing NEPA documents that cover the Proposed Action.

Name of Document: Weed Management for the Kremmling Field Office BLM

DOI-BLM-CO -120-2008-31-EA

Date Approved: 05/15/2009

Name of Document: Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Vegetation Treatment using Herbicides on BLM Lands in 17 Western States

Date Approved: 06/2007

NEPA ADEQUACY CRITERIA:

1. **Is the new Proposed Action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?** Yes, the Proposed Action is the same action that was analyzed in the 2008 EA. The entire Kremmling Field Office was included in the analysis. The resource conditions are similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document.
2. **Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document appropriate with respect to the new Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?** Yes, the 2007 EIS analyzed the alternatives of no use of prescribed burning, no aerial herbicide application, no use of herbicides, and the no action alternative. This is a reasonable range of alternatives to the Proposed Action and appropriately considers current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values.

3. **Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new Proposed Action?** Yes. There is no new information or circumstances that would invalidate the existing analyses. The attachments to the 2008 EA, which included mitigations measures, standard operating procedures, and conservation measures, are still appropriate. These can be found in EA# DOI-BLM -CO-120-2008-31 Appendix 4

4. **Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new Proposed Action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?** The 2008 EA referenced the cumulative effects analysis presented in the 2007 EIS as applicable for the resource area. This analysis remains valid and impacts are substantially unchanged.

5. **Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA documents adequate for the current Proposed Action?** Yes. There have been no additional issues, concerns, or controversies developed since the 2007 EIS and 2008 EA were written. The Proposed Action will be listed on the Kremmling Field Office NEPA Register notifying potential interested or affected publics.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Bill B. Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation	3/5/2012
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	3/5/2012
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, Riparian	2/13/2012

See the 2007 EIS and 2008EA for a complete list of the original IDT member's participating in the preparation of these documents.

MITIGATION: See EA# DOI-BLM -CO-120-2008-31 Appendix 4

NAME OF PREPARER: Zachary Hughes

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

CONCLUSION

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitute BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan Cassel
Acting Field Manager

DATE SIGNED:

Note: The signed Conclusion in this DNA Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.